

## Making a Good Point About Medical Sharps



How can Leon County residents safely dispose of unused medical sharps like syringes and lancets?

The Leon County Hazardous Waste Center wants you to know about a service at the Leon County Health Department.

Residents can pick up a free sharps container at either health department location. When the container is full, return the closed box and receive a new one at no charge.

Leon County Health Department Sites  
872 West Orange Avenue  
1515 Old Bainbridge Road  
(850) 606-8150



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## Unwanted Medicines Don't Belong Down the Drain



Flushing unwanted medicines down the toilet or pouring them down a drain can contaminate surface and ground waters.

Check with your pharmacy about a take-back program. The Tallahassee Police Department has a solid medicine drop-off site at 234 East 7th Avenue. Here are some tips from the Leon County Hazardous Waste Center for safe medicine disposal.

1. Keep medicine in its original container.
2. Mark out personal information.
3. Add water or soda to dissolve pills.
4. Add an absorbent such as cat litter.  
(For liquid medicine, add an absorbent.)
5. Close lid and secure with heavy tape.
6. Put bottle(s) in a can or box.
7. Secure outer container with heavy tape.
8. Place in household garbage.

### HAZARDOUS WASTE CENTER

#### Solid Waste Management Division

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